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SAINTS

We have been asked – why is the Church making so many saints? They are recognized and then we hear no more about them.

When we were in Europe last year, we noticed that the time of service bulletin board had Vespers and Matins listed each day. This means that the saints of the day were mentioned and tropars or what was appropriate to them were sung. In the U.S., where services are held on Saturday and Sunday and special days at most and Matins are not held at all, the saints calendar is falling into neglect. For example many saints have been recognized the past two years. One, who we wrote about, was St. Alexis, a Carpatho-Russian who was put on the calendar to be remembered on May 7. Next year, the day will fall during the week and it will be several years until mention of him will be made in a service. This is true of all the saints – they are remembered in the church only on occasions.

Another confusing fact is – who are the saints? We find that it is common to find such names as St. Francis of Assisi, St. Augustine, St. Valentine, St. Patrick listed in church bulletins on days when their memory is remembered in the Western Church.

Then, there are the saints from countries not traditionally Orthodox. They certainly had saintly people but should their lives be stressed and should they be commemorated?

This brings the big questions: Who has the right to put saints on the Church Calendar? How closely must the approved calendar be followed? The Churches in the U.S. – are they making a calendar of their own including all the saints made in America or do they just add them to the calendar of their ethnic mother church's calendar; or is this a moot problem since saints are only venerated on occasionally.

The concept of saints is very important

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A home, where those within are not too proud to kneel and pray, contains a peace that overcomes the hectic moments of each day!

THE WAY I REMEMBER IT

We could hardly wait for afternoon to come on the Saturday before Pentecost because we knew that we would walk to the woods with our father and cut some branches to decorate the porch columns with them. We walked back home waving the branches and watched while my father tied them on with a rope.

We eagerly looked forward to going to church services the following day. It would be special. I remember being awestruck when I walked into the church. Green branches were tied everywhere. Even the floor was strewn with green leaves, grass and herbs. It was like walking into an arbor in a fairy tale. I can recall the smell of the crushed greens mingled with the incense.

The Liturgy was long on this day for the Vespers and the Kneeling Prayers followed one after another without a break. I remember my childhood bony-knees starting to hurt from the long time spent kneeling on them on the hardwood floor. There were no pews with padded kneelers! I had been warned to push the grass aside so that my long white stockings would not get grass stains. When things got bad I saw some older girls carefully folding their handkerchiefs and putting them under their knees. I did the same. Each child had a handkerchief for that is where we carried our offering coins carefully knotted in the corners.

In our parish when all this was over, there was still the Parastas held by the Trinity Society. There was an unusual amount of men in church because they belonged to this Society and had to attend this yearly prayers for those of their friends who had died. When the kneeling service was almost over, there was much confusion as the men all bought a candle and lined up in the

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I DIDN'T KNOW

I was going to stop writing about the Lemko/Galician people but I was grieved by their plight in the Lvov region of the Ukraine, where many of them had been forcibly resettled from their ancestral homes in southern Poland.

The latest problem which they have to contend with is the kidnapping of their babies and children for selling in the lucrative international market.

So many devious ways are used to get the babies. Sometimes a mother is told, after giving birth, that her baby had died and it was so deformed it would be better if she didn't see it. Other times young children just disappear. When the schemes became known, women didn't go to the hospital to have their babies, they had them at home.

The sad thing is that in many hospitals, nurses and doctors are directly involved. Ukraine has become so concerned about the trafficking of these babies that the Parliament had put a moratorium on adoptions in July 1994. Some of the people involved in this unforgivable practice have been arrested but most fled the country before they could be charged or arrested.

These babies and children were most often placed in European or American homes. They were bought for tens of thousands of dollars.

Another sliver into the soul of the Lemko/Galician people!

FATHER'S DAY
June 18

Life itself is a miracle, but no less miraculous are the relationships between the people and events that shape each life. This month we celebrate Father's Day – a day for looking back and a day for looking forward. It is a day to reflect on the miracle and mystery of life, a day to give thanks for the person or persons who have provided support, protection, and guidance along life's journey. It is a day to give voice to the

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CHRONOLOGY

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH has extended its period of collecting for the churches in Eastern Europe. According to news releases, the two stumbling blocks in Eastern Europe are a weak economy and a vacuum in faith which spreads over two and three generations. It is concerned that well-financed sects are at work to draw these people. Our Orthodox Church faces the same problems but is hampered even further by very little interest in helping by Orthodox in this country.

PURE BEES WAX CANDLES are available from Community of St. Elizabeth, RR 2, Box 383C, Mohawk, NY 13407. Incense is also available. Write or call (315) 858-2208.

ITEMS ARE NEEDED for a Carpatho-Russian display, which will highlight the life of the people at the beginning of this century. Perhaps you have some old prayer books, ikons, clothes, etc. Write John Righetti, P.O. Box 798, Mars, PA 16046 or call (412) 284-4864.

TWO VOLUMES IN ONE BOOK The Meaning of Suffering and Strife and Reconciliation were written by Archimandrite Seraphim Aleksiev, who died in 1993. He tries to answer such questions as: Why has God created us to suffer? and Where have we gone wrong that we suffer so meaninglessly? Send $9.85 to St. Xenia Skete Press, P.O. Box 260, Wildwood, CA 96076 to get a ppd copy.

THE RUSSIAN MILITARY DOES NOT HAVE CHAPLAINS. A recent survey shows that only 6% of the troops are believers. Of these 70% are Orthodox, while Catholics, Muslims and Protestants each make up about 10%. Many decades of enforced atheism have reaped this harvest.

THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX jurisdictions in the diaspora have been accepted under the omophor (protection) of Patriarch Bartholomeos of Constantinople. The U.S. jurisdiction, headquartered in Bound Brook, NJ, is one of the groups included. The formal acceptance was in Istanbul, Turkey on March 12, which was the Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. Some difference of opinion exists on whether the Patriarch exceeded his powers by including some of the churches in the Ukraine, who for thousands of years have been under the omophor of the Patriarch of Moscow. The problem will be met head-on when a decision is made to join SCOBA.

VARLAAM MONASTERY in north Russia is now being restored by monks. St. Herman left Varlaam (1794) for Alaska and was part of the group of the first Orthodox missionaries to this continent. The monastery is located on several islands and was much neglected since Communist time. Among other things, it was a veterans' hospital and a penal colony. Over 2000 men await the reconstruction of the monastery and seminary.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF LITURGICAL MUSIC will be held 9-22 July at Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, NY. For info, contact Fr. Andre Papkov, 54 Fourth St., Ilion, NY 13357 or call 894-6274.

A TOUR OF RUSSIA'S GOLDEN RING featuring arts and religion from 28 July to 14 August from Chicago for $2550. Contact the leader: Dr. Jane M. deVyver, 27 Menlo Park Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2918 or call 313/699-0870.

A SPIRITUAL LIFE AND RENEWAL CONFERENCE will be held at the Antiochian Village in Ligonier, PA from July 7-9. It is sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Carpatho-Russian Diocese. For info call 412/251-9344 or write 5201 Ellsworth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

THERE ARE SO MANY CHOIRS AND CHORUSES coming to the U.S. from Russia and Ukraine that it is easy to neglect the Don Cossack Chorus, once directed by Serge Jaroff and now by George Margitich. It has been keeping the spirit since the Second World War, Send $17 for a compact disc or $12 for a cassette or letters of inquiry about sponsoring a concert to Don Cossack Chorus, P.O. Box 1235, Montclair, NJ 07042 or call 201/746-8885.

ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE to alter Russia's 1990 law on "Freedom of Conscience and Religious Organizations." Some want to restrict the rights of cults and minority religions groups while granting state favor to the Orthodox Church.

EARL BASCOM is a descendant of Czar Vladimir I. His grandfather crossed the plains in a covered wagon and started the 101 Ranch in Utah in the 1850's. He also is a cousin of Western artist Charles M. Russell and to master sculptor Frederic S. Remington and knew them when they were alive and producing master art. Earl is a talented rodeo champion, a sculptor whose bronzes of longhorns are famous and have won many prizes.

IT IS SURPRISING how many subscribers who find The Orthodox Herald on a literature rack in a church while they are on vacation. Many individuals sponsor the Packet Plan in their parish and they should be gratified to know that their mission effort does extend beyond their parish.

ART was taken from country to country during World War II. Russia and Germany are pursuing the return of their treasures. Does anyone have information on the religious articles taken from the former Soviet Union and which were on display in the Ikonen Museum in Recklinghausen, Germany?

SAVE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS by knowing how to order airline tickets, choosing a checking account, etc. Send 50 cents in coins or check to Consumer Information Center, Dept, 39, Pueblo, CO 81009 and ask for 66 Ways To Save Money.

THE PROTECTION ORTHODOX MONASTERY has been founded in Colorado by the OCA. Property is being purchased in Wetmore by women aspirants. Those who wish more information write Holy Protection Monastery, 444 Boulder St., Calhan, CO 80808 or call 719/347-2426.

•Father's Day

gratitude and appreciation of our hearts.

As we think about our fathers, let us send them our heartfelt prayers and ask God's blessing upon them. Let us give thanks for their part in the miracle and the mystery of our life.

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John C. Spack in memory of his dear mother Mary Slivka Spack, who died on March 30. Velma Bova in memory of parents Andy and Petrinia Gernat. William Mamay for repose of soul of his sister Anna Bowan. Thomas Remchick in memory of Anna B. Remchick. Rita Wrobel in memory of her mother Anna Kolesiak, who died on March 19. Agnes Wozniak in memory of her husband Gregory. Lillian Lovchuk in memory of her parents Fr. Averky and Matushka Marie Bondarchuk and her husband Alexander Lovchuk. Yvonne and Nathan Bohlander in memory of uncle Gregory Stefanick. In memory of Fr. Peter Bohush (1959).

Paschal greetings from Julia Blisak. Easter Donation from Sophie Reilly. Mary and Philip Yurchak for prayers for health of their daughter Barbara Stornant and Matushka Nina Stroyen!

NO WHITE SHEETS

What does spirituality mean? It is related to the word spirit – not a child concept of a white-sheeted Holy Ghost flying in and out of our lives, but an inner attitude that emphasizes energy, creative choice, and a powerful force for living. It is a partnership with a Power greater than ourselves, a co-creatorship with God that allows us to be guided by God and yet to take responsibility for our lives.

When we hear references to a spirited debate or to our national spirit, we immediately envision vitality, strength, pride. We associate spirit with positive and creative energy. This energy gives us the power to live, work, and create. Spiritual people are positive and creative human beings. They know, deep inside themselves, that they have the power to create the difference in their lives. They have looked within and found what can be called their yes to life, and this yes shines forth in their attitudes and actions every day.

•The Way I Remember It

center of the church ready for the Memorial Service.

On the way home, we children had much to talk about! First, we worried that we would forget to kneel the following Sunday when we went to the Divine Liturgy. We also reminded each other that someone's mother told them that they should now say "Slave Isusu Christu" when they entered the house of their playmates.

No child was excused from the Services; lengthy as they were. We wouldn't think of bringing reading books or cookies. But then infants were not brought to the church on a regular basis. It would have been unthinkable to disturb the Divine Service with a whimpering or crying child. We knew we had to keep quiet when we were finally "big enough to go to church." What a privilege!

WINTER GRACE

We found this article in our files and laughed and laughed. We hope you enjoy it too.

How do I know that my youth is all spent? Well my get-up-and-go has got up and went. But in spite of it all, I am able to grin when I think of all the places my get-up has been.

Old age is golden, so I've heard it said. But sometimes I wonder as I hop into bed, with my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup, and my eyes on the table, till I wake up.

Ere sleep dims my eyes I say to myself, "Is there anything else I can lay on the shelf?" And I'm happy to say, as I close my door, my friends are the same perhaps even more.

When I was a young thing my slippers were red. I could kick up my heels as high as my head. Now when I was older my slippers were blue, but still I could dance the whole night through.

Now I'm still older, my slippers are black, I walk to the store and puff my way back. The reason I know my youth is all spent: My get-up-and-go has got up and went.

But, really, I don't mind when I think with a grin, of all the places my get-up has been. Since I have retired from life's competition, I busy myself with complete repetition.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits, pick up the paper and read the "Obits." If my name is missing, I know I'm not dead, so I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed.

•Saints

in the Orthodox Church. We need to have the most lively spiritual union with the heavenly inhabitants with all the Saints, Apostles, Prophets, Venerable and Righteous men and women, as they are all members of one single body, the Church of Christ, to which we sinners also belong, and of which the living Head is the Lord, Jesus Christ, Himself.

This is why we should call upon them in prayer, converse with them, thank and praise them. It is urgently necessary for all of us to be in union with them if we wish to make spiritual progress for they serve as examples to us, they are our friends, our guides to salvation, who pray and intercede for us.

If we are in lively, active union with the saints of Christ here, if we love them in deed and truth, then God's saints will be in lively, active union with us, and whatever we ask them, they will strive for us from Christ our God for Whose sake they sacrificed much that was dear to them.

OILING

Sometimes after the Divine Liturgy our forehead is anointed with oil. The priest makes the sign of the cross on us with the oil which has been blessesd at a Vesper Service held before great Holy Days. This anointing is often called mirovanya.

Why is this done? In the early days of the Church, it was the custom to anoint the sick and suffering with oil from the lamps burning before the holy icons. St. John Chrysostom wrote that many who IN FAITH accept the anointing were cured of disease, doubt, fear, etc. Later on when the all-night vigil lasted until the morning, it was the custom to distribute the common offerings of the bread, wine, and oil after the Vespers so that those who would remain for the rest of the service would be strengthened and refreshed.

In the days when people used prayer books, they often blotted the oil onto a page of their book. It is still the Orthodox custom to share the oil with those who were not able to be in church by touching your forehead with theirs.

THIS IS THE DAY

The moment I wait for in the services at Easter/Pascha is when the choir sings the uplifting words from Ps 118:24, "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." I find myself singing these words many times during the year "This is the day which the Lord has made."

All of us share something in common. This vital thing which we share equally is the day. It is one of our most valuable assets: time. It is measured out with an impartial exactness – 24 hours for each person, 24 golden, precious hours newly-given each day.

How we differ is our use of this time. One person may invest it wisely, another may squander it.

Today, I remind myself that hours are like currency. How I spend those hours is up to me. I pray that I may make wise use of every opportunity this day, "which the Lord has made," offers me. I live this day with enthusiasm, with a glad expectant spirit.

Today I resolve to go forward and do my best. I will radiate love, peace, and goodwill to everyone whose path crosses mine.

Today I will accomplish great things. If someone needs my support this day, I give it. If someone needs an encouraging word, I speak it.

This day is important; it is valuable; it is irreplacable.

Today I do the loving thing.

Today I live up to my highest expectations.

Thank You, God, for today!

OUR FLAG

Wednesday, June 14, is Flag Day. You are encouraged to display the flag on this day and join the "Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance" at 7 p.m. EDT. President Clinton has been invited to lead all Americans in the Pledge via nation-wide radio and television.

The flag is a symbol of a nation's people, their history and hopes for the future. As citizens it is our identity which we are more aware of when living or traveling in a foreign country.

We are taught early in childhood to respect it and to pledge our allegiance to it.

HIDDEN POWER

At one point in Acts 2, Jesus compared the Holy Spirit to the wind. This comparison was natural and easily understood by His hearers then, because the word in Hebrew for "wind" and "spirit" are the same. But for us today, the magnitude of the import of what Jesus meant is often lost.

Think of the wind. It is an unseen force. Its source and origin are not apparent, and yet it is very real and capable of tremendous power. In clouds it brings such vast quantities of water that whole continents receive snow and rain for moisture. The force unleashed in tropical hurricanes and tornadoes more dramatically demonstrates its appalling power.

Jesus has sent each of us a share of His power. In the Sacrament of Chrismation each of us has received (the gift of the) Holy Spirit. Together we, the Christian Community, have all the power Jesus had, all the power we need. We have tremendous hidden resources of this power when we as a church live in unity and harmony with one another and summon the help of the Holy Spirit for every right purpose.

Timothy Ware wrote: "Chrismation is an extension of Pentecost: the same Spirit who descended visibily on the Apostles in tongues of fire now descends invisibly on the newly baptized. Through Chrismation every member of the Church becomes a prophet and receives a share in the royal priesthood of Christ; all Christians alike, because they are Chrismated, are called to act as conscious witnesses to the truth."

We should be aware of the Spirit as we are of the wind. How strong is it in us?

CHUCKLE

A man went to the doctor for a physical. The doctor said, "Take these pills but skip Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The man went back for a checkup a month later and the doctor asked, "How are you doing?"

The man answered, "The pills are fine, but the skipping is wearing me out."

I shall allow no man to belittle my soul by making me hate him.

Dabs of Thoughts

The reason why there were so many wooden churches in Austro-Hungarian (Carporation) lands is that Orthodox were not permitted to use brick or stone. The intent was that eventually the wood would decay and few churches would be built to replace them.

The honest, faithful struggler should always remember that failure is but an episode in a true man's life – never the whole story. Failure brings an individual face to face with this choice of responses: Will I complain about my conditions or will I have the steadfast courage to master conditions with God's help?

It's a pity there's not an antibiotic for curing a person of being neurotic.

St. John wrote the Book of Revelations on the island of Patmos. The Romans called it "the island of death." It was here that the Apostle John and others were sentenced. Their crime? Being Christians. Peril awaited them on Patmos but St. John's faith never waivered. Here it is that he began the crowning task of his life – writing the Book of Revelations.

We found a Lemko Street in Olyphant, PA. At one time it was in what was called a "Patch Town." These were usually at the edge of bigger towns. The houses were owned by the DLH Company. They were all alike, usually unpainted and the streets were unpaved. Most of the people living in this "Patch Town" were Lemkos and the street got its name from their presence. Now the street is a part of Olyphant. Many of the old houses were torn down and new homes were built on the lot. The few houses that remained were purchased from the Company and have been enlarged and renovated.

There are so few weddings at most churches that rules have not been made, especially one concerning the taking of photos or videos. Those taking these should be told not to walk on or stand in front of the Royal Doors or on the elevated area in front of the ikonastas. Those parishes which still have a starosta who keeps order are fortunate.

The Saturday before Pentecost, June 10, is the last one of the "Saturdays of the Dead." The diptichs, list of those who have died, which you gave the priest before Lent, will be read at the Service.



EDITORS' NOTES

On May 29 some of the participants in The Heritage Tour 1994 met at St. Tikhon's Monastery during the pilgrimage to renew acquaintances and share some sad and some funny experiences they had on the tour. We asked them for suggestions on how to make the 1995 Tour even better.

Those who missed the 1994 Tour do have a second chance. We are planning another tour for 12 days from 7-19 September. We will stay at four central locations, Uzhorod and Lvov in the Ukraine, Sanok in Poland, and Presov in Slovakia. We will visit many points in their vicinities. The cost will be under $2000 and will include meals, hotels, air-conditioned bus and air transportation from and to JFK Airport in New York. For those who wish to find or meet relatives, we will help in every way possible with maps, etc. Write to us The Orthodox Herald, P.O. Box 9, Hunlock Creek, PA 18621 or call 717/256-7232 for more detailed information. Time is short, so respond as soon as possible.

We read over 40 papers with an Orthodox perspective. They offer varied outlooks. This we understand and appreciate, but some of them are so "off the wall" that we wonder if this is the same Orthodox faith we adhere to, studied and write about. Some of them are cultic and such a distorted view of Orthodoxy is given that we fear for those who unwittingly read them and think this is the Orthodox faith. The Orthodox Church does have its roots in the Holy Scripture and Tradition. We do have the teachings of the Holy Fathers and are disturbed by the thinking of some like one "priest" we heard say: "Of course, you can use a raisin prosfora for communion. It doesn't say anywhere that you can't."

If you are gone from your home church over a weekend or Holy Day, attend the nearest Orthodox Church, even if it is of another jurisdiction or ethnic group. You will be enriched!

God Be With You.

Protopresbyter Basil
and Matushka Nina Stroyen

PENTECOST

It will be 50 days from Pascha/Easter on June 11, when we will celebrate the great Holy Day of Pentecost or Green Sunday/Zeleny Svyatky. The word Pentecost means 50.

Pentecost is considered to be the birthday of the Christian Church and preparing us for this have been the readings of the Acts of the Apostles, which are read from Pascha/Easter until Pentecost. The Acts show us the unfolding of the Church, its triumphants and tribulations under the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We have only to read Acts 2:1-11 to learn what had happened on this day and why we commemorate it.

Traditionally, churches, homes, schools, barns, gates and fences were decorated with tree boughs, flowering branches, herbs and wildflowers. It is interesting that only certain boughs are used these are from the oak, maple, ash or linden trees. Birch, larch and poplar branches were not used.

The Divine Liturgy differs on this day. It begins with the singing of the song for the Holy Spirit – Carju Nebesny or O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth....

Instead of "Holy God, Holy Mighty..." we sing "As many as have been baptized into Christ..." because this was once one of the traditional days when people were baptized and received into the Church.

We have a special Vesper Service which follows the Divine Liturgy without a break. During this service, three long prayers are read asking for the descent of the Holy Spirit. This is the first time the faithful kneel in prayer since Pascha/Easter.

Many parishes go to the cemetery on this day rather than on Radonitsa, the Tuesday after Pascha/Easter or on St. Thomas Sunday, the first Sunday after Pascha/Easter.

MISSION FUND

Copies of The Orthodox Herald go to other places to do Mission work with your help John and Hope Lukatchik, Dorothy Laskovich, Sophie Reilly, Olga Peck, Lillian Lovchuk, Yvonne and Nathan Bohlander, Angelyn Mitchell, Thomas Remchick, Ethel Watlock.

•Kitchen Corner

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batter. Holding funnel as near surface of deep fat (375°) as possible, remove finger and drop batter into deep fat using a circular movement from center outward to form a spiral cake about 3 inches in diameter. Endless intricate shapes can be made by going back and forth to make twig-like cake or even crisscross. Control the flow with your finger on the funnel spout. Several cakes can be made at the same time as long as they can float uncrowded. Fry until cakes are puffy and golden brown, turning once. Remove cakes with a slotted spoon to absorbent paper (a brown paper shopping bag works well) to drain. Serve with powdered sugar sprinkled on top. You may also serve them drizzled with molasses or pancake syrup.

THE BRIDGE

Over a deep gorge in Arizona lies a great tree, forming a natural bridge. It fell there ages ago, apparently a failure; yet it has now become a piece of solid agate, and is of enormous value and of noble use because many have crossed the great chasm on it.

So, too, when Christ was crucified and rejected by men, He seemed a failure – yet through His Resurrection and Ascension He has now become the Bridge between Heaven and earth over which our feet may pass to our Heavenly Home.

The founders of the ancient religions of the world are all dead, and the originators of modern-day cults, if they have not already died, will soon join them.

Only Christianity claims a living Head. The Bible says of Christ that "He was buried, that He rose again on the third day." (1 Cor 15:4).

Because man has sinned, he has been separated from God and can never hope to reach Heaven by his own efforts. He needs the divine merits of Christ and the righteousness He has provided on the Cross if he expects to live in His presence. Jesus said that no man could come to the Father except by Him. Anyone who tries to climb up some other way will meet with eternal disaster. (see John 10:1, 9)

He is The Divine Bridge to Heaven! This is what we bring to mind as we observe this period between the Resurrection and Ascension.



Joyce Toomre translated 1000 recipes from Elena Molokhovet's cookbook and manual on household management, which was first published in 1861 in Russia. Joyce Toomre's book Classic Russian Cooking was published by Indiana University Press, 10th and Morton Streets, Bloomington, IN 47405. I found this book very interesting because it has so much information in it. It makes good reading and follows the church calendar of feasts and fasts.

I was reading it the other day when I found a recipe called Khvorost Lityj, which is translated as Poured Pastry Straws. I read the directions and realized that this recipe was for what are known as Funnel Cakes in Pennsylvania. These funnel cakes are the best sellers at fairs and picnics. The only difference was in the shape of the cakes. Funnel cakes are made by swirling the hot oil round and round while the Russian version calls for going up and down making a square-like cake.

Khvorost Lityj - Funnel Cakes

1 egg
2/3 cup milk
1 1/4 cup flour
2 tbls. sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
dash cinnamon

Beat egg with milk. Blend dry ingredients and gradually add the milk mixture. Beat until smooth. Holding your finger over the bottom of a funnel having a 3/8 to 1/2 inch hole, fill the funnel with

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28	Romans	8:2-13
29	2 Cor	11:21-12:9
30	Romans	9:6-19

BIBLE STUDY

The scripture reading that usually receives the most attention on Pentecost is the famous account in Acts 2:1-11, describing the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Christians in Jerusalem. When we read it we can almost feel the driving wind, see the flames of fire that settled on the heads of those present and hear the confusion of many languages spoken at once.

However, the Gospel of John 20:19-31, which was read on St. Thomas Sunday, presents a different picture of the action of the Holy Spirit. It reads as follows:
"Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Then Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any they are retained'."

Twice Jesus says, "Peace be with you." To wish a person peace is to say, "I wish you all that is best for you. I wish you fullness of blessing in God's presence." Jesus arrives and wishes His disciples fullness of life. The One Who is source of all life breathes this fullness into them in the form of His Spirit. The peace He offers is the gift of His own presence.

Jesus stands before His disciples as witness to the fact that true peace comes with a high price tag. He shows them His hands and feet, still marked by the wounds of the Cross. It is as if He is saying, "Peace is costly. I bought it for you with My life." But because Jesus is risen, He can now breathe His very life into those who thought He was gone forever.

Finally, Jesus lets His disciples know that the Spirit is breathed into them for a purpose. The Spirit is given in order that they carry on His mission to heal and forgive and reconcile.

"If you forgive sins, they are forgiven...."

By breathing His Spirit into them, He is sending them forth, He missions them with the force of a wind. He, so to speak, blows them forward to bring blessing to others. He gifts His followers with peace so that they (that WE) might likewise gift others.

ALASKA FUND

Fr. George Gula will be consecrated a bishop with the name of Bishop Innocent. His See will be in Anchorage. Alaska is a huge state with adverse traveling conditions. One bishop will live in Sitka and the other in Anchorage. Helping with literature for missions in Alaska are: John and Hope Lukatchik, Dorothy Laskovich, Eleanor Green, Lillian Lovchuk, Mary Pavlicek, Yvonne and Nathan Bohlander, Angelyn Mitchell, Thomas Remchick, Vladimir and Agnes Fryntzko, Ethel Watlock. An Easter donation from Alexios M. Fedec, Bishop Roman.

There is something sweeter than praise; the feeling of having deserved it.

The great thing in life the world is not where we stand but in what direction we are going.